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INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

DECEMBER 4, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6900.]

In presenting the bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, the Committee on Appropriations submit the following report in explanation thereof:

The estimates upon which the bill is based are to be found on pages 117 to 134, and amount to \$6,725,731.54, of which sum the committee recommend in this bill \$5,208,955.91, which is \$274,200 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year and \$1,516,775.63 less than the estimates.

The amount recommended in the bill is distributed as follows:

For general incidental expenses.....	\$335,800 00
For fulfilling treaty stipulations.....	2,677,085 91
For removal, settlement, and subsistence of various tribes.....	1,119,000 00
For miscellaneous expenses, including schools and transportation.....	981,900 00
For interest on trust-fund stocks	95,170 00
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	5,208,955 91

The bill contains no new legislation, except the following:

SEC. 7. Whenever, after advertising for bids for supplies, in accordance with section 3 of this act, those received for any article contain conditions detrimental to the interests of the government, they may be rejected and the articles specified in such bids purchased in open market at prices not to exceed those of the lowest bidder and not to exceed the market price of the same until such time as satisfactory bids can be obtained.